

Application No.: 09/697,340
Supplemental Amendment dated March 17, 2004

REMARKS

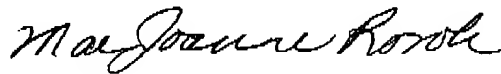
Applicants wish to thank Examiner Belyavskiy for discussions regarding suggested amendments to the claims for placing the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants hereby cancel claim 23 and add new claims 37 and 38 that incorporate the subject matter of independent claim 20 and independent claim 36, upon which claim 23 had depended, with the subject matter of claim 23, respectively. Applicants have amended claim 36 to point out even more clearly the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. No new subject matter has been added.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All claims in the Application are now allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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